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The documents listed in this Information Disclosure Statement were first cited in an Office Action mailed by the People's Republic of China Patent Office on January 2, 2004 in a counterpart foreign Application No. 01111869.5, and this

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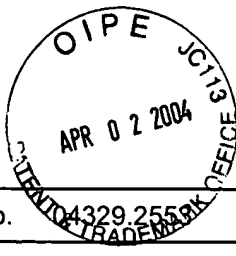
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